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1. Troops and materiel from the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Halle, which were entrained at the Halle freight station between 13 and 17 March 1953, included:

13 March. Two M-13 rocket launchers [redacted] 25X1  
25 x 57-mm AT guns; and an undetermined number of motor vehicles, occupied by about 180 to 200 troops [redacted]

[redacted] between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The train left toward Erfurt.

14 March. Six T-34 tanks [redacted] 1 tank chassis, 4 JS-3 tanks, [redacted] about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; and an undetermined number of motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] between 7:50 a.m. and 4 p.m. The train left toward Erfurt.

Twenty-five 57-mm AT guns, about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and an undetermined number of motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] at 2:30 p.m. The train left toward Erfurt.

Two carloads of used tank engines and 1 carload of links, at 5 p.m. The train left for an unknown destination.

Six 57-mm AT guns, about 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and an undetermined number of motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] at 7 p.m. The train left toward Erfurt.

17 March. About 20 to 25 x 57-mm AT guns; and about 50 motor vehicles, occupied by a total of 180 to 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] unloadings at the Halle freight station on

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18 March included: At 8 a.m., about 25 x 57-mm AT guns; and about 60 motor vehicles occupied by about 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets

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The unit left for the Flak Kaserne in Woerrnitz. At 10 a.m., about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; 20 to 25 x 57-mm AT guns; and 40 to 50 motor vehicles

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The unit left for the Luftnachrichten Kaserne.<sup>1</sup>

2. On 18 March, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was occupied by about 1,500 to 2,000 troops, mostly wearing red-bordered black and, a few, black-bordered black or black-bordered crimson epaulets. Formation drill was observed. SU-100 gun T-34 tanks and FA-64 armored scout car were observed in the installation.

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1. Comment. all the loaded and unloaded units belonged to the 21st Gds Mecz Div which presumably went to, and returned from, the Lossa troop training grounds in connection with firing practices. The number of about 130 x 57-mm AT guns is too high, even if the 76.2-mm AT guns assigned to the division would be included. The conclusion that the 50 x 57-mm AT guns loaded on 13 and 14 March may be the ones which were unloaded on 18 March cannot be drawn either

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2. Comment. The occupation strength of the barracks installations in Halle has continually been underestimated.

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